

**Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-20 and 45-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,309,301 to Sano (hereinafter "Sano") in view of Play Station 2 Instruction Manual (hereinafter "PS2 Manual").

Applicant notes that the PS2 Manual includes a notation "© 2003 Sony Computer Entertainment Inc. All rights reserved." on the first page of the manual. The present application was filed on March 9, 2001 – prior to the copyright date indicated on the PS2 Manual.

Applicant learned of the PS2 Manual from a Search Report prepared by the European Patent Office. In that Search Report, the PS2 Manual is incorrectly listed as having a publication date in the year of 2000. Nothing in the Search Report or the copy of the PS2 Manual provided with the Search Report supports the date of 2000. Applicant submits that the PS2 Manual was mistakenly given a date of 2000 in contradiction to the copyright notice clearly printed on the front of the manual.

Since the PS2 Manual was published after the filing of the present application, the PS2 Manual is not prior art. As such, the PS2 Manual cannot be combined with Sano to reject the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the §103 rejection.

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Conclusion

Claims 1-20 and 45-51 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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